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### 1. INDONESIA

FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES SAID THURS THAT, AT GOI INVITATION,  
US REPS MEYNER (D-NY) AND GOODLING (R-PA) WILL VISIT  
E TIMOR NEXT WEEK TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF ATROCITIES BY  
INDO TROOPS DURING 1975 TIMOR CIVIL WAR (REUTER JAKARTA).

### 2. PHILIPPINES

ACCORDING PHIL NATIONAL BANK, US REPLACED JAPAN IN 1976  
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AS PHILS' PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNER (WP).

### 3. FIJI

GOV-GEN ANNOUNCED THURS HE HAS ASKED LEADER OF PARTY  
DEFEATED IN LAST WK'S GEN ELECTION TO FORM MINORITY GOVT.  
REUTER (SUVA) REPORTS NEWS CAME AS SURPRISE, AND POL  
OBSERVERS SAID IT APPEARED COUNTRY WILL SOON BE PLUNGED  
INTO ANOTHER ELECTION.

2. JAPAN

GOV BROWN WILL VISIT TOKYO 4/8-10 FOR TALKS W/JAPANESE AUTO MFRS ON OPENING ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN CALIF. TALKS FOLLOW BROWN-FUKUDA DISCUSSIONS 3/23 (REUTER 4/6).

US SPECIAL TRADE REP STRAUSS ARRIVED TOKYO 4/6 FOR 3-DAY CONF W/JAPANESE OFFICIALS ON PROPOSED US IMPORT RESTRICT; TIONS JAPANESE COLOR TVS. STRAUSS ALSO SCHEDULED PAY COURTESY CALLS ON FUKUDA/FON MIN HATOYAMA/MITI MIN TANAKA (UPI, JOC).

ASST TREAS SEC FOR INTL AFFAIRS BERGSTEN, DURING 4/6 TAPING FOR WAMU-WNVT "OVERSEAS MISSION" PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM, SAID JAPANESE PLEDGE MODERATE COLOR TV EXPORTS MIGHT BE "APPROPRIATE REMEDY" FOR US TV MFRS' COMPLAINTS. SUGGESTED JAPAN COULD AGREE SLOW SHIPMENTS TO US WHILE GIVING US WORKERS TIME "ADJUST." ADDED US WILL URGE AT LONDON ECON SUMMIT "MAJOR" EFFORT PROCEED W/INTL TRADE LIBERALIZATION TALKS IN GENEVA (LAWRENCE, JOC).

LDP'S POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL CHRMN KOMOTO TOLD PRESS LUNCHEON 4/7 JAPAN PLANS REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON OIL FOR ENERGY FROM 80 PCT TO 63 PCT DURING NEXT DECADE. GOJ'S NEW POLICY TO BE FOUNDED ON INCREASED NUKE POWER/ NATURAL GAS/COAL. MEANWHILE, NEW MINING ASSN PRES SUZUKI UNCLASSIFIED

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URGED GOJ FUND STOCKPILING COPPER/OTHER NON-FERROUS METALS IN ORDER LIFT BAN ON COPPER EXPORTS W/O CAUSING DOMESTIC SHORTAGE (REUTER TOKYO).

KOMOTO ALSO INDICATED YEN NOW BELIEVED OVERVALUED/MANY JAPANESE INDUSTRIES STAND SUFFER DEFICITS IN EXPORT TRADE AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE. ADDED WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL BOOST IMPORTS BY BOLD BUSINESS-STIMULATING METHODS RATHER THAN ALLOW YEN APPRECIATE (REUTER TOKYO).

NYT'S MALCOLM (NYT) REVIEWS YEN RATES/FLUCTUATIONS DURING PAST WK. CITES INFORMED SOURCES' ESTIMATE THAT BANK OF JAPAN INTERVENED DURING WK OVER 200 MIL DOLS. VICE FINMIN FOR INTL AFFAIRS MATSUKAWA DEFENDED INTERVENTION AT REGULAR BRIEFING 4/6, SAID 1 PCT DAILY APPRECIATION YEN'S VALUE TOO RAPID/BANK MOVED ERASE ABNORMAL FLUCTUATION. ASSERTED YEN RATE DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON MARKET FORCES/BANK NOT LEADING YEN TOWARD ANY SPECIFIC RATE.

TOYOTA/DATSUN/HONDA ALL PLAN RAISE PRICES ON EXPORTS TO US AS RESULT RECENT DECLINE DOLLAR AGAINST YEN (WSJ, WP).

SUMITOMO LIGHT METAL INDUSTRIES TO IMPORT 10,000 METRIC

TONS ALUMINUM OVER 5-YRS FROM CANADA'S ALCAN LTD (AP, WSTAR 4/6).

DE WITT (WP "STYLE" SECTION 4/7) INTERVIEWS TOGUKAWA YOSHINOBU, DIRECTOR REIMEIKAI FOUNDATION/AUSTERE "GUARDIAN" NO THEATRE MASKS/ROBES ON DISPLAY AT WASHINGTON'S NATL GALLERY THIS MO.

LAST OF 4 SURVIVING JAPANESE "CLASS A" WAR CRIMINALS/FOR-MER HIROHITO ADVISOR KOICHI KIDO DIED 4/6 IN IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD HOSPITAL AT AGE 87 OF LIVER AILMENT (SUN; UPI, WP).  
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#### 5. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

COUNTERING REPORTS THAT SECRET JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC MES-SAGES HAD BEEN READ BY AUSTRALIA/OTHER NATIONS, JAPAN'S CHIEF FONMIN SPOKESMAN SAID AT REGULAR BRIEFING 4/7 THAT CODES THEORETICALLY UNBREAKABLE. ADDED IF CLAIMS MADE TO CONTRARY, "I WOULD SAY THAT CLAIM IS BASED ON SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING OR SPECULATION" (REUTER TOKYO).

#### 6. TRADE

LAWRENCE (JOC) REPORTS PRES' ECON POL GROUP DECIDED 4/4 TO PRESS AHEAD W/PLANS NEGOTIATE INTL SUGAR AGREEMENT TO KEEP WORLD PRICES WITHIN REASONABLE RANGE, BUT LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY DIRECT GOVT PAYMENTS/LOANS TO HELP US SUGAR GROWERS. ACCOUNT OF EPG MTG INDICATED TIGHT QUOTA SUGAR IMPORTS UNLIKELY.

#### 7. INDOCHINA

IN DEFEAT FOR PRES, HOUSE 4/6 APPROVED INTL HUMAN-RTS MEASURE ADMIN OPPOSES. PROVISION IS PART OF BILL TO FUND INTL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; WOULD REQUIRE US REP VOTE VS ANY NATION THAT VIOLATES BASIC HUMAN RTS. ADMIN CLAIMS DEPRIVES US OF FLEXIBILITY. HOUSE ALSO ADDED AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT US REPS VOTING FOR AID THAT WOULD HELP PALM OIL/SUGAR/CITRUS CROPS; REJECTED MOVE THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED VOTES VS ANY MULTILATERAL AID TO CAMBODIA/LAOS/VN/CUBA (WSJ, SUN).

MCARTHUR (LAT 4/6) REPORTS US BUSINESSMEN/TOURISTS NOT RUSHING TAKE ADVANTAGE ELIMINATED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO VN/CAMBODIA. SAYS CHECK W/AMCONSULATES HK/BANGKOK/KL/ SINGAPORE REVEALED ONLY 1 US NEWSMAN HAD RESTRICTION  
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REMOVED FROM PPT--BUT HE WAS DENIED ENTRY VISA TO VN.

#### 8. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

THIRTY-FOUR VIET REFUGEES ARRIVE JAPAN ABOARD JAPANESE TANKER THAT FOUND THEM ADRIFT IN S CHINA SEA 6 DAYS AGO (AP, WP).

AUSSIE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS CONFIRM ARRIVAL FORMER LAOTIAN CHARGE/FAMILY WHO DEFECTED IN THAILAND (UPI CANBERRA).

#### 9. THAILAND

AMNESTY INTL SAYS HAS CABLED PM THANIN TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER CONTINUED DETENTION W/O TRIAL OF OVER 1500 PEOPLE ARRESTED DURING LAST OCT'S COUP. URGED PM GRANT IMMEDIATE AMNESTY TO ALL UNTRIED POL PRISONERS/RELEASE ON BAIL THOSE GOVT INTENDS TRY (AP, LAT 4/6).

DRAFT BILL PROPOSES LEGALIZE/CONTROL PROSTITUTION TO REDUCE NUMBERS/STOP SPREAD VD (REUTER BANGKOK).

#### 10. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

JOINT PATROL UNCOVERS 1 OF BIGGEST COMMUNIST CAMPS EVER FOUND ON BORDER. CAMP WAS IN S THAILAND, HAD OPERATING TIN MINE FOR BOTH CAMOUFLAGE/REVENUE (AP SADAO).

#### 11. CHINA

PRES CARTER 4/6 TOLD VISITING JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HE WANTS VISIT PRC IF POSSIBLE, ACCORDING ASAHI SHIMBUN (REUTER TOKYO).

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CHEN CHU, FORMER PRC ENVOY IN JAPAN, WILL BECOME NEW UN AMB, THUS FILLING POST VACANT SINCE 12/76 DEPARTURE HUANG HUA (AP TOKYO).

MAO MAUSOLEUM UNDER CONSTRUCTION SEEMS MORE SOVIET THAN CHINESE IN DESIGN (AFP PEKING, PHINQ).

"PD" HAS PRINTED ARTICLE BY MAO'S SON, MAO AN-CHING AND HIS SPOUSE SHAO HUA, ENDORSING CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG (AP TOKYO, CHITRIB; PEKING NEWS REPORTS WP; NYT 4/6).

HK/US CLOTHING SALESMEN COMPLAINING ABOUT PRC'S 20-30 PCT INCREASE IN COST OF HIGH QUALITY CAMEL'S HAIR/CASHMERE. ONE BUSINESSMAN SAID CHINESE PROVIDE CLEAREST EXPLANATION:

GLOBAL DEMAND ACCENTUATED BY FAILURES IN E EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE (MATHEWS HK, WP).

SOV/E GERMAN/HUNGARIAN/BULGARIAN/CZECH/POLISH/MONGOLIAN/CUBAN DIPS WALK OUT OF CHINESE BANQUET HONORING VISITING MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AFTER LI HSIEN-NIEN ACCUSED MOSCOW OF ORGANIZING INVASION ZAIRE BY MERCENARIES. SAME ARTICLE NOTES VISITING ETHIOPIAN DEL IN PEKING SAID IN TALKS CHINESE DISPLAYED "ALMOST OBSESSIVE PREOCCUPATION WITH MOSCOW'S AFRICAN DIPLOMACY" (REUTER PEKING, PHINQ, CHITRIB, WP).

BRIT OPPOSITION LEADER MARGARET THATCHER ARRIVED IN PEKING 4/7 AT BEGINNING 6-DAY VISIT/HELD TALKS WITH FORMIN HUANG HUA/SCHEDULED VISIT SOOCHOW, HANGCHOW, SHANGHAI (REUTER PEKING).

#### 12. KOREA

TONGSUN PARK ASKS FEDL COURT DISMISS IRS CLAIM THAT HE OWES OVER 4 MILLION DOLS IN TAXES. CONTENTS NOT US UNCLASSIFIED

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RESIDENT, SO NOT SUBJECT TO TAXES ON INCOME EARNED ABROAD (BABCOCK, WP).

SK TELLS CANADA IN NO HURRY BUY 2ND "CANDU" NUKE REACTOR. PRESSES FOR SPEEDUP CONSTRUCTION 1ST CANDU REACTOR (REUTER OTTAWA). - -

CANADIAN COMMONS ASKS INVESTIGATION PRES PARK'S SON-IN-LAW BEFORE ACCEPTING HIM AS AMB TO CANADA (REUTER OTTAWA).

NK ORDERS PEOPLE BEGIN MASSIVE WELL-DRILLING CAMPAIGN TO COUNTER SEVERE DROUGHT (WSTAR 4/6; AP, WP).

KIM IL-SUNG BUYS 40,000 SWISS GOLD WATCHES W/PORTRAITS SELF/SON ON FACES. PURCHASE ADDS TO MOUNTING SPECULATION KIM MAY SOON HAND OVER POWER TO SON (REUTER PEKING).

#### 13. SHOE IMPORTS

CONGRESS VOICES DISPLEASURE AT PRES' REJECTION ITC RECOMMENDATION TO IMPOSE IMPORT DUTIES ON SHOES. REFLECTS INDUSTRY/LABOR ATTITUDE (REUTER WASHINGTON).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 14. PHILIPPINES

UPI'S LANIAUSKAS (MANILA) FINDS PRES MARCOS' CREDIBILITY,

CAUGHT BETWEEN CHRISTIAN FEARS OF GOVT SELLOUT/MOSLEM THREATS OF ALL-OUT WAR IN SOUTH, HAS TAKEN SHARP PLUNGE IN RECENT WEEKS. NOTES MARCOS HAS RESORTED TO PIECEMEAL HANDLING OF MOSLEM INSURRECTION PROBLEM, AND CONFUSION/DISSATISFACTION HAVE GREETED HIS ATTEMPTS BALANCE DEMANDS OF CONTENDING SIDES.

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WITH FIRST SMALL GROUP US/BRIT CORRESPONDENTS GIVEN 5-HR GLIMPSE OF WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON LAST 6 YRS AT DIEGO CARCIA, NYT'S ANDELMAN NOTES 8,000-FT RUNWAY INSTALLED, FUEL STORAGE TANKS BUILT, SATELLITE/RADIO COMMO SYSTEMS ALREADY IN OPERATION, AND THERE IS SPRAWLING DEEP-WATER ANCHORAGE CAPABLE OF HANDLING GIANT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. BUT SAYS FROM EXTENSIVE ACTIVITY, IS CLEAR MUCH MORE TO COME. OBSERVES THAT WHILE US CIVILIAN/MIL OFFICIALS APPEAR BELIEVE DG BASE DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT EXPAND INDIAN OCEAN ARMS RACE, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SOVIET OR NATIONS BORDERING OCEAN SEE IT SAME WAY.

ALSO IN DG, WP'S SIMONS SAYS AFTER TOUR ENDED, MOST NEWS-MEN WONDERED WHAT PAST SECRECY HAD BEEN ABOUT. REMARKS THAT IF CARTER ADMIN/DOD WANTED TELL WORLD NOT MUCH WORTH GETTING EXCITED ABOUT IS HAPPENING THERE, THEY SUCCEEDED. SAYS FACT US HAS BEEN GRANTED USE OF ISLAND FOR 50 YRS, WITH OPTION TO EXTEND ANOTHER 20, INDICATES CLEARLY AS CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDERWAY JUST HOW VALUABLE US CONSIDERS DG IN HIGH-STAKES GAME NOW TAKING SHAPE WITH SOVIET IN AREA.

REUTER'S GREGSON SAYS SOV-US AGREEMENT TO EXAMINE QUESTION OF INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZING MAY HEAD OFF COSTLY/ DANGEROUS SUPERPOWER ARMS RACE. NOTES HOW AREA'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE HAS ESCALATED OVER PAST DECADE, SPURRED BY 1967 CLOSURE SUEZ CANAL AND WITHDRAWAL OF UK FORCES E OF SUEZ WHICH BEGAN YEAR LATER. POINTS OUT DELIMITARIZATION AGREEMENT WOULD BENEFIT BOTH MAJOR POWERS AND PROVIDE POL DIVIDENDS TO LITTORAL STATES OPPOSING DIEGO GARCIA'S EXPANSION.

16. JAPAN

THARP (CSM) STATES SOVIETS "APPEAR DETERMINED" MAXIMIZE  
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JAPANESE HUMILIATION IN BILATERAL FISHERY TALKS TO "GET EVEN" FOR TOKYO'S ROLE IN MIG25 INCIDENT LAST YR. NOTES DESPITE COMPLAINTS "BIG POWER ARROGANCE" AND "HIGH-HANDED

PRESSURE," TOKYO APPARENTLY HAS BACKED DOWN/PREPARED  
ACCEPT SOVIET CONDITIONS FOR FISHING IN 200-MI ZONE.

JAPAN WILL AGREE ALLOW SOVS ISSUE FISHING LICENSES TO  
JAPAN'S VESSELS/ACCEPT SOV SUPERVISION JAPANESE FISHING  
OPNS/CONCEDE SOV CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER JAPANESE  
FISHERMEN THERE. IN RETURN, SOVS HAVE DROPPED EARLIER DE-  
MAND THAT FISHING FLEETS BE ALLOWED OPERATE INSIDE  
JAPAN'S NEW 12-MI TERRITORIAL LIMIT. AGRIC/FOREST MIN  
SUZUKI EXPECTED JOIN SONODA IN MOSCOW WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS  
W/NEW PROPOSALS, INCL THAT JAPAN SUPPLY USSR W/FISH  
SPECIES USUALLY CAUGHT BY SOV FLEETS WITHIN 12-MIL LIMIT.

JOC ANALYZES JAPAN'S INTL ECON SITUATION. REMARKS COUNTRY  
HAS BEEN UNDER MOUNTING PRESSURE TAKE DECISIVE STEPS SHARE  
SURPLUSES W/LESS FORTUNATE NEIGHBORS. RATHER THAN INTRO-  
DUCING VOLUNTARY IMPORT RESTRAINTS, JAPAN HAS BEEN  
ALLOWING YEN APPRECIATE. CITES BANK OF JAPAN ASSURANCES  
TO IMF DIRECTOR WITTEVEEN THAT INTERVENTION WILL ONLY  
OCCUR IN COUNTERING DISORDERLY MOVEMENTS, DESPITE OUTCRY  
FROM JAPANESE EXPORTERS WHO SUFFER DUE YEN'S HIGH VALUE.

RE IMF REQUEST JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM BENEFITTING  
NON-OIL PRODUCING LDCS, JOC STATES WILL BE SORTED  
OUT AT WASHINGTON INTERIM CMTE MTG LATE APRIL/LONDON  
ECON SUMMIT IM MAY. CONCLUDES NO CAUSE RELAX AFTER  
HIGH-LEVEL TALKS OVER; BELIEVES JAPAN MUST LEARN CARRY  
FULL WIRGHT IN INTL ECONOMY.

17. CHINA

FRESHMAN MD REP MIKULSKI SAYS, "MAYBE JIMMY JUST WANTED  
SOME REST FOR EASTER" WHEN ASKED WHY CHOSEN FOR PRC  
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CODEL. SHE ADDS THAT SELECTION MADE BY WH/WH LEADERSHIP,  
SAYS SHE WANTS LISTEN/LEARN.

BELSER (BALT NA) ALSO NOTES DOS GAVE GROUP MINI-BRIEFING.  
MIKULSKI SAYS PURPOSE TRIP REAFFIRM USG INTEREST IN  
MAINTAINING MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE/STRENGTHEN  
CULTURAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES.

SEN DOLE (R-KAN) CRITICIZES NEW USDA POLICY PERMITTING  
LAG IN REPORTING SOYBEAN SALES. USG WILL NO LONGER

ANNOUNCE BIG GRAIN/SOYBEAN SALES SOV/PRC WITHIN 24 HRS;  
ANNOUNCEMENTS NOW WEEKLY. DOLE CHARGES CHANGE MAY HAVE  
ALLOWED SOYBEAN EXPORTERS MAKE WINDFALL PROFITS (NYT).

MUNRO (TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL) SAYS CHINA-WATCHERS ONCE  
AGAIN ADMITTING DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING AMONG

PEKING'S POL ELITE. CHINESE OFFICIALS NOW SPREADING WORD TENG PROBABLY WON'T REAPPEAR UNTIL 2ND HALF '77. THERE'S MYSTERY RE HUA'S TITLES. AFTER EARLIER HINTS ABOUT TENG'S RETURN, NOW OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS SUGGEST SERIOUS PROBLEMS RE ARRANGING TENG'S RETURN TO IMPORTANT POSITION, TO WHICH LEADERSHIP AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. MOST LOGICAL EXPLANATION: TENG REJECTING CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY HUA/HUA SUPPORTERS. BUT HUA ALSO NEEDS TENG SUPPORT/ ASSISTANCE AND COULD BE TENG LAYING DOWN CONDITIONS (CSM PEKING SPEC).

18. INDOCHINA

WSTAR (4/6) NOTES PP STATEMENT DELIVERED TO NYT CORRESPONDENT IN PAKISTAN THAT HINTS WHAT WRONG W/US-CAMBODIAN RELS. SAYS 1ST, NATION CALLS ITSELF "DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA" BUT US OFFICIALS STILL USING OLD STYLE "CAMBODIA." NOTES REST OF MESSAGE USES EXPRESSIONS REVIVED FROM PRC PROPAGANDA OF KOREAN WAR VINTAGE. HOPES DOS DOES NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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REPLY IN KIND. CONCLUDES NO EASING SOON OF PP BITTERNESS OVER US BACKING GKR.

ROCHE (BALT NA 4/6) NOTES PRES CARTER DID NOT GET SELF INTO MIA CORNER; ISSUE BUILT UP BY PREVIOUS ADMINS. DESCRIBES HANOI'S "CYNICAL WIZARDRY" AT POL WARFARE. OPINES NOW USING SAME TECHNIQUES TO BLACKMAIL CARTER INTO PAYING "REPARATIONS;" THINKS THEY SCORED AGAIN BY USING WOODCOCK MISSION. TELLS PRES VN NEEDS NORMALIZATION, NOT US; ADVISES, "LET THEM CALL YOU, AND DON'T ANSWER THE PHONE PERSONALLY--JUST PUT IT ON 'HOLD.'"

STIX (LAT 4/6) REVIEWS PAT HANGEN'S BOOK DESCRIBING LIFE W/MIA HUSBAND WELLES. NOTES RUMORS PERSIST THERE STILL FOREIGN PRISONERS IN CAMBODIA WHERE HE DISAPPEARED. VANCE

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